

March. 1953.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the annual report for the year 1952, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

During the year 38 coastwise vessels with a tonnage of 7,832 entered the port, and 3 vessels with a tonnage of 478 arrived from foreign ports.

The following tables give details of the above arrivals:-

I. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT HEALTH DISTRICT DURING 1952

TABLE A

	No.	Tonnage.	No. inspected by M.O.H.	No. of vessels S.I.	No. of vessels found with defects	Vessels on which defects were defects.	Vessels remedied.
Coastwise.	Steam	3	766	-	3	1	1
	Motor	32	7,066	-	27	4	4
	Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		35	7,832	-	30	5	5
Foreign.	Steam	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Motor	3	478	-	3	-	-
	Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		3	478	-	3	-	-
Combined Total		38	8,310	-	33	5	5

II. CHARACTER OF TRADE OR PORT

(a) Passenger Traffic. No passenger vessels entered the port during the year.

(b) Cargo Traffic. No cargoes have been exported during the year. The following cargoes were imported :- Stone 34, Timber 3, Ballast 1.

(c) The foreign vessels arriving were from Holland and Norway.

III. SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY

Towns water is laid on to wharves, and vessels can refill at any time without difficulty.

There are no water boats at this port.



IV. PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS 1933 and 1945

(1) and (2) Every foreign going vessel arriving from a foreign port is boarded by the Customs Officer immediately on arrival and the Captain is asked to fill in and sign a Declaration of Health which is immediately sent to the Office of the Port Sanitary Inspector.

(3) Any notification of an inward vessel requiring attention under Article 6 would be received through the Harbour Master and Pilots.

(4) A Mooring Station has been designated as required by Article 10 of the Regulations, and is situated immediately North of the Railway Quay, on the East side of the River Arun. It has been agreed with the Harbour Master that should this berth be in use when required for quarantine an alternative berth will be found for the vessel then occupying it. The provision of an additional Mooring Station outside the harbour is considered impracticable.

No vessel has been detained for medical examination during the year.

(5) No standing exemptions to the provision of Article 14 have been granted.

(6) It has not been necessary to place any restriction under Section 16, on persons boarding or leaving vessels as, in every case, the Declarations of Health have been satisfactory.

(7) (a) No arrangements have been made for the cleansing and disinfection of persons, but clothing could be disinfected by steam by arrangement with the West Sussex County Council at the Central Laundry, Chichester, when required.

(b) No arrangements have been made for the provision of temporary accommodation of persons for whom such may be required under the regulations.

(c) No arrangements have been made for special premises and waiting room for medical examination. Such would have to be improvised when the occasion arises.

(d) Smallpox cases in this region are now to be sent to the Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, Kent. Scarlet fever, Diphtheria, Enteric Fever and Encephalitis Lethargica could be isolated at the Isolation Hospital, Swandeans. If any case of Plague, Cholera or Yellow Fever arrived on a vessel special arrangements would have to be made.

(8) and (9) Specimens for bacteriological or pathological examination can be sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

(10) Clinics for the treatment and diagnosis of venereal disease are held at the Worthing Hospital, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing and the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, (St. Mary's) Portsmouth serving Eastern and Western parts of West Sussex respectively.

No case of infectious sickness has been notified to the Port Medical Officer during the year.

TABLE D

No case of infectious sickness has occurred on vessels during voyage and disposed of prior to arrival.

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V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS

(1) No special steps have been taken for the detection of Rodent Plagues (a) in ships in the port (b) on quays, wharves, warehouses etc., in the vicinity of the port.

(2) The Port Health Authority have provided Rat Guards and these are used when deemed necessary. No rat infested vessels have entered the port.

(3) Baiting and gassing of rats is periodically carried out in the neighbourhood of the wharves, and during the year a large number of rats were killed by operation in accordance with the Ministry of Food suggestions.

TABLES E & F

It is impossible to give a definite total of rats killed in and around the port, as gassing operations as well as poisoning with Zinc Phosphide were carried out during the year.

On the bank of the river there is a portion of land used by the Council for controlled tipping, and this being the main infestation in the whole area has received constant attention during the year. Good results have been obtained with poisoning and gassing.

VI. HYGIENE OF CREW'S SPACES TABLE J

No. inspected Nationality during the of vessel.	Defects of original year.	Structural defects thro' structure.	Dirt, vermin and other conditions wear and tear. prejudicial to health.
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British	30	-	1	4
Foreign	3	-	-	-

VII. FOOD INSPECTION

No vessels with food cargoes entered the port during the year.

SHELL FISH

There are some very small winkle beds at the North of the River Arun which are very little used as there are better and larger beds further East. No infection has been traced to the eating of Shell-fish during the year.

It has not been necessary to take any action under the Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations, 1934, or the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

No food samples have been submitted for analysis or bacteriological examination.

STAFF

Mr. J. L. McGarry acts as Health Inspector for the Port of Littlehampton as well as Sanitary Inspector for the Littlehampton Urban District.

Mr. McGarry has carried out his duties most efficiently and has had the co-operation of the Officer in Charge of Customs to whom I am most grateful.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. COCKCROFT.

Medical Officer of Health.

